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Applicants : Bryan W. Shirk et al.
Serial No. : 09/817,672
Filing Date : March 26, 2001
For : BIODEGRADABLE VEHICLE
COMPONENTS
Group Art Unit : 3611
Examiner : Lee S. Lum
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4686-1

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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

GROUP 3600

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2003. The response date set in the Office Action was July 24, 2003. A response is being filed herewith today, September 24, 2003, which is within two-months after the response date.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two-months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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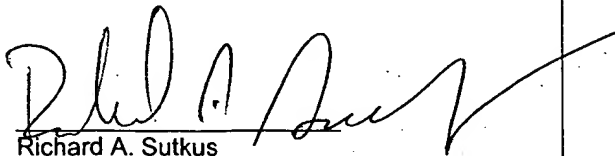
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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$410.00 for this Petition to Extend Period
for Response.

Please charge any deficiency in the fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard A. Sutkus', is written over a horizontal line.

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